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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 6, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: